



**Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of Inspector General
Washington, DC 20420**

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Dear Ms. Best:

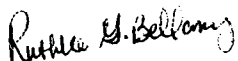
This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated June 10, 2019 in which you requested copies of the Inspector General closed investigations during the calendar year 2017, with a date range from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Your request was received in this office on June 10, 2019 and we have assigned FOIA Tracking Number 19-00426-FOIA to your request. Please refer to this number whenever communicating with VA Office of Inspector General about your request.

Please be informed that the FOIA cited at Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 552 (a)(1)(D) requires agencies to make available to the public through publication in the Federal Register substantive rules of general applicability adopted as authorized by law, and statements of general policy or interpretations of general applicability formulated and adopted by the agency. The FOIA cited at Title 5 U.S.C. 552 (a)(2)(B) &(C) requires agencies to make available for public inspection and copying statements of policy and interpretations which have been adopted by the agency and are not published in the Federal Register and administrative staff manuals and instructions to staff that affect a member of the public. This is accomplished by conventional "reading rooms" located at VA facility sites and an "electronic" reading room found on the Internet at web site <http://www.va.gov/foia>. Individuals seeking access to such information may do so by visiting the reading room at a VA facility or by visiting the aforementioned web site.

The records you have requested fall under the auspices of subsection (a)(2). Please be advised that subsection (a)(3)(A) of the FOIA makes exempt from response to a FOIA request any records described in subsections (a)(1) or (a)(2) because they have, effectively, already been made available to the public by the means described above.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruthlee G. Bellamy".

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